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MEDIA ALERT

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TEEN RECOGNIZED FOR HEROIC ACT

WHAT: A Houston teen will be recognized with a proclamation for rescuing a neighbor from an apartment fire.

WHEN: Today, March 28, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: City Council, City Hall

DETAILS: On January 10, 2006, HFD was dispatched to an apartment fire in northwest Houston just before midnight. Before crews arrived, a 17-year old neighbor, Oscar Carcamo heard the occupant moaning and took it upon himself to try and rescue her. He broke a window and attempted to enter but the heat and smoke forced him back. Oscar did not give up. He reached inside and grabbed the sheets on her bed and pulled her towards the window and pull her out to safety.

If not for the heroic actions of this 17-year-old, the woman may have perished in the smoke and flames.